

GENERAL INSTITUTION

BP 3410 NONDISCRIMINATION**References:**

Education Code Sections 66250 et seq., 72010 et seq., and 87100 et seq.;

Penal Code Sections 422.55 et seq.;

Government Code Sections 11135-11139.5, 12926.1, and 12940 et seq.;

Title 5 Sections 53000 et seq. and 59300 et seq.;

Accreditation Standard II.B.2.c

The District is committed to equal opportunity in educational programs, employment, and all access to institutional programs and activities. In addition, all students have the right to participate fully in the educational process, free from discrimination and harassment.

The District, and each individual who represents the District, shall provide equal access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to national origin, religion, age, sex, gender, gender identity, race, color, medical condition, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, or because he/she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

No District funds shall ever be used for membership, or for any participation involving financial payment or contribution on behalf of the District or any individual employed by or associated with it, to any private organization whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of national origin, religion, age, sex or gender, race, color, medical condition, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, or because he/she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or because of his/her association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

All courses, including noncredit classes, shall be conducted without regard to the gender of the student enrolled in the classes. As defined in the Penal Code, "gender" means sex, and includes a person's gender identity and gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth. The District shall not prohibit any student from enrolling in any class or course on the basis of gender. Academic staff, including but not limited to counselors, instructors, and administrators shall not offer program guidance to students which differs on the basis of gender. Insofar as practicable, the District shall offer opportunities for participation in athletics equally to male and female students.

The District shall from time to time as necessary provide professional and staff development activities and training to promote understanding of diversity.

38 The Superintendent/President shall establish administrative procedures that ensure all
39 members of the District community can present complaints regarding alleged violations
40 of this policy and have their complaints heard in accordance with the Title 5 regulations
41 and those of other agencies that administer state and federal laws regarding
42 nondiscrimination.

43 Also see BP/AP 3420 titled Equal Employment Opportunity, BP/AP 3430 titled Prohibition
44 of Harassment, AP 3435 titled Discrimination and Harassment Investigations and Training,
45 and BP/AP 7120 titled Recruitment and Hiring.